

# German Hosts Hammer Way Toward Gates of Paris As Lord Roberts Calls Every Man in Britain to Arms

## WAR OFFICE SILENT AS PARIS PREPARES TO WITHSTAND SIEGE

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Back by Fresh Assault.

## BOTH WINGS GIVE WAY BEFORE GERMAN BATTERING ALONG THE NORTHERN LINES

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

### BULLETIN.

Paris, Aug. 30, 2 A. M.—According to an official announcement here the Germans have arrived at La Fere, which is only seventy-five miles from Paris.

Paris, Aug. 29.—Raised out of the despair to which it has been a victim this last week, by the news of the British victory in the North Sea and reported successes for the allies' arms along the northern lines, Paris was again cast into the depths tonight by hurried government preparations for a siege.

The military governor of Paris has ordered that all houses within range of the city's defending forts be destroyed within four days.

The occupants of the houses are notified to evacuate them immediately.

This is taken to indicate that the Germans have found still further breaks in the northern defense and are well on their way to the capital. The war office has been silent practically for two days, but the feverish preparations have shown Paris, better than words, which way the wind is blowing.

The order was issued by Gen. Gallieni, the military governor, as follows:

"First—Within four days dating from August 30, the proprietors, users, tenants and occupants of whatever title of all houses and properties situated within the zone of service of the detached forts, old and new, around Paris must evacuate and demolish the aforesaid properties.

"Second—In default by those interested of obeying this order without delay the military authority will proceed to demolish these properties and to take away all the materials of construction."

**Germans Rush On.**  
The order for the clearing of the zone covered by the guns of the three lines of forts comprising the defenses of Paris is regarded by military observers as decidedly ominous, coming as it does on the heels of reports of unexpected gains by the German invaders in the northwest and rumored advance of another German column through Alsace in the direction of Belfort.

The unexpected strength displayed by the Germans, the wonderful celerity of their movements, the unaccountable abandonment of Lille, the intimations of evacuation of Boulogne, together with many other developments of the past twenty-four hours, have led military men to believe that unless fresh forces are brought into the field in the north by the allies the Germans will make further rapid progress in the direction of the capital.

Paris defenses cover a zone of 400 square miles. They include some of the most beautiful suburbs in the world.

**Three Circles of Forts.**  
Three circles of forts enclose the city. First a solid wall of masonry eighteen feet high, extending twenty-two miles; second, a system of seventeen detached forts two miles beyond the wall and thirty-four miles long; third, an outer circle of forts seventy-five miles long commanding the valley of the Seine.

The war office announces that the French left, composed of four army corps, drove back on Guise the Tenth German corps and guard. The Germans sustained a considerable loss according to the official statement.

**Allies Driven Back.**  
Like a titanic vise the German armies are squeezing the allied forces and the French right and left wings are steadily being forced back toward Paris. It was admitted today that the left wing had withdrawn from the Belgian frontier to the Somme River, in the department of the Somme, of which Amiens is the capital. Amiens is only seventy miles from Paris.

This indicates that the invading forces after the great battle of the Meuse have

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## HURL BACK RUSS ARMY

Germans Rout 200,000 of  
Czar's Men at Allenstein,  
East Prussia, War Office  
Claims.

## BATTLE NEAR LEMBERG

St. Petersburg Declares Gal-  
ician City Will Fall Soon  
and Says Koenigsberg Is  
Invested.

Berlin (via Amsterdam), Aug. 29.—The German war office announced today that five Russian army corps (200,000 men) had been defeated by the German forces at Allenstein, East Prussia.

This is the first important news that has been given out here in reference to the German campaign against the Russians in the eastern theater of war.

**Drive For Across Border.**  
Alenstein is south of Koenigsberg and east of Osterode. It was to the latter point that the Germans retreated after being defeated in East Prussia, according to official announcements made in St. Petersburg.

The German Embassy at Washington yesterday received via the German wireless station at Sayville, Long Island, the following dispatch from Berlin:

"The German forces in East Prussia, commanded by Gen. von Hindenburg, have defeated in a three-day battle, near Glienbourg and Osterode, a Russian army from the River Narva proceeding westward. The Russian force consisted of five army corps and three cavalry divisions. The German forces followed up their victory with a pursuit of the defeated army beyond the Russian frontier."

**Austrians Take Offensive.**  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—Austrian troops defending Lemberg are fighting desperately to stop the Russian attack on that city, the general staff stated today, but thus far have been unable to halt the army that is invading Galicia.

"The Austrians have taken the offensive in several districts, but the Russian advance is being pressed forward vigorously," it was stated. "A Russian infantry regiment almost annihilated the Eleventh Hungarian Regiment of the enemy and captured its flag."

Reports were current here today that Koenigsberg, the important seaport of Eastern Prussia, has been captured from the Germans, but the general staff said no confirmation of the city's fall had been received, though Russian troops had taken its outskirts.

**Front 200 Miles Long.**  
The Russians are now advancing into Germany along a front 200 miles long, having spread out fifty miles in the last three days. Details of the invasion of East Prussia were made public in the following official statement:

"On the Eastern Prussian front during August 21, 22 and 23 vigorous fighting continued at the points where the enemy had concentrated their corps. These had to fall back, together with fresh forces that came to their assistance.

"The Germans sustained great losses at Neidenburg, and are in full retreat in the Petrokov district.

"Our cavalry cut up three squadrons that were supported by a company of cyclists and took 127 cyclists prisoners.

**Honor for Prince.**  
"Separate engagements on August 22 assumed the character of a battle extending through the eastern districts. The general front stretches about 200 miles. The first engagements were in the nature of advance guard affairs, but thanks to the bravery of the Russian troops we were completely successful."

The cross of St. George has been conferred upon Prince Arloff, a colonel in the horse artillery, for bravery. In the fighting at Stallupoenen he ordered the horses detached from his own guns and dashed forward under a heavy fire and he and his men attached them to several guns which they dragged back to the Russian line.

That the Germans put up a stubborn resistance to the Russian advance is evidenced by the large number of wounded brought here and taken to Moscow. No official estimates of the loss of life have been given out.

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